(b) the lignite reserves in these 23 mines, State-wise, are given below:—

(1)	Tamilnadu	:	14965.00 MT
(2)	Gujarat	:	462.20 MT
(3)	Rajasthan	:	542.00 MT

(c) No lignite reserve is exclusively earmarked for power generation. However, a demand of 42.75 Million Tonnes of lignite for power generation has been estimated by the Working Group on Coal and Lignite during the IXth Plan period (1997-2002).

(d) An additional capacity of 17,569 MW of power is proposed to be implemented in the private sector in the IXth Plan period (1997-2002). This additional capacity is to be generated using all types of fuels including lignite.

कोयला उद्योग में श्रमिकों की भागीदारी

3532. **श्री अखिलेश दास:** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कोयला उद्योग की सभी गैर-सरकारी इकाइयों में प्रबंधन में श्रमिकों की भागीदारी योजना को लागू किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इस योजना को लागू करने के पश्चात उत्पादन में वृद्धि हुई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दिलीप राय): (क) कोल इंडिया लि॰ और नेयवेली लिग्नाइट कारपोरेशन लि॰, कोयला मंत्रालय के अधीन सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रम हैं।

(ख) से (घ) उपर्युक्त भाग (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है।

Closure of coal mines

3533. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Eastern Coalfields Ltd. have decided to close down six mines under Sripur, pandavesar, Satgram and Salanpur areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the decision to close down these mines was taken arbitrarily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) The production in six highly loss making mines of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) has been suspended. The name of the six mines and the reasons for suspension of production in the mines are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the mines	Reasons for suspension of production
(i)	Kankartala	Economic unviability and high losses
(ii)	Nutandanga	—do—
(iii)	Pure Searsole	—do—
(iv)	Samla No. 3 Inc.	—do—
(v)	Sangramgarh	—do—
(vi)	Sripur	Unsafe mining conditions

(c) Some trade unions have protested against the suspension of production in these mines. Before suspension of production from these mines the matter was discussed by the ECL management in several Joint Consultative Committee Meetings with the trade union. A fact-finding Committee has been constituted by the ECL management to go into the details of the circumstances leading to the suspension of the mining operations. The trade unions have been informed that the workers of these mines have been suitably redeployed in other mines of ECL and no worker has been laid off, nor the service conditions of the workers have been affected.

Dankuni Coal Complex to Private Foreign Company

3534. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: